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A NEW RACE OF THE MANDARIN DUCK FROM SOUTH-
ERN JAPAN.

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A specimen of the mandarin duck from the Island of Kiusiu, Japan, and another from Shanghai, in the collection of the U. S. National Museum appear to represent a recognizable race, which may be known as

Aix galericulata brunnescens subsp. nov.

Characters.—This subspecies differs from the typical form in having the central stripe in the elongated feathers of the neck distinctly buffy instead of white; in having the black posterior border of the enlarged innermost tertial from 4 mm. to 5 mm. in width instead of from 2 mm. to 3 mm.; in having the border of the upper mandible adjacent to the sides of the face inclined anteriorly instead of being nearly perpendicular to the edges of the maxilla; and in being slightly larger.

The wing in the specimen from Kiusiu (No. 114,766 U. S. N. M.) measures 240 mm., and in the specimen from Shanghai (No. 107,150 U. S. N. M.) 235 mm.

The wing in a specimen of *Aix galericulata galericulata* from Hakodate (No. 120,679 U. S. N. M.) measures 220 mm.; in another from Sagami Bay (No. 109,463 U. S. N. M.) 220 mm.; and in a third, a tame bird (No. 168,903 U. S. N. M.), 221 mm.

Type.—No. 114,766 U. S. N. M., from Kiusiu, Japan.